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METHOD FOR FORMING A HOLE-
PATTERNED PHOTORESIST LAYER

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is further to Applicants' Response dated February 4, 2004.

Several minor clerical errors have been noted in the last complete paragraph on page 2 of the Response.

That paragraph in its entirety should read:

It is understood from 1:21 ~~and~~ to 2:20 of Bantu that the by-product of a low boiling point, which is a dissociated protective group by interaction of an acid, is vaporized by heating and may be deposited as a contaminant onto the lens. The resist film also causes shrinkage by the influence thereof. The object of Bantu's method in using a crosslinking agent is to solve these problems by crosslinking the resin with the crosslinking agent thus to increase the heat resistance of the resin and to decrease formation of the by-product of low boiling point (2:27-37) so that, as a result, the resist film becomes less susceptible to shrinkage.

Favorable action and allowance is kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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